



DSA BULLETIN 07-01

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To: DSA Staff and Interested Parties

From: Division of the State Architect
Department of General Services
State of California

Subject: DSA Submittals Utilizing the 2007 California Building Standards Code (Title 24, Parts 1 through 12) Prior to the Effective Date

Purpose: The purpose of this bulletin is to announce that DSA will consider requests, on a *case-by-case* basis, to voluntarily utilize the 2007 California codes for projects submitted for plan review prior to the effective date of such codes. The effective date of the 2007 Title 24 codes is expected to be January 1, 2008.

1. Background: In January 2007, the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) completed the formal adoption and approval of the 2007 California Building Standards Code, which consists of the 12 parts of Title 24, California Code of Regulations, as listed below.

2. Scope: This bulletin applies to K-12 public schools, community colleges, and pre-check (PC) designs under the jurisdiction of the Division of the State Architect (DSA). For other projects under DSA jurisdiction, contact the Regional Manager of the DSA regional office where the project will be assigned.

The scope of this Bulletin includes all parts of Title 24:

Part 1 - California Building Standards Administrative Code

Part 2 - California Building Code

Part 3 - California Electrical Code

Part 4 - California Mechanical Code

Part 5 - California Plumbing Code

Part 6 – California Energy Code

Part 7 - VACANT

Part 8 - California Historical Building Code

Part 9 - California Fire Code

Part 10 – California Existing Building Code

Part 11 – VACANT

Part 12 - California Referenced Standards Code

3. Effective Date: It is expected that the new 2007 California codes will be published and available to the public on or about July 1, 2007 and the effective date will be on or about January 1, 2008. The *effective date* establishes when the use of the 2007 California codes is mandatory. If an application is submitted to DSA for the approval of plans and specifications on or after the effective date of the 2007 California codes, as established by the CBSC, the project must comply with the 2007 California Codes.

4. Procedure: Any requests to submit projects designed in accordance with the 2007 Title 24 codes **prior** to the effective date shall be made in writing to the DSA Regional Office where the project will be assigned. This request shall be signed by the design professional in general responsible charge. The DSA application must state that the project is being submitted using the 2007 California codes and a similar indication shall be placed on the title sheet of the construction documents, where the applicable codes that apply to the project are listed.

The utilization of the 2007 California codes on a *voluntary* basis will only apply to submittals to DSA between October 15, 2007 and the last business day prior to the official effective date of the 2007 CBC, as established by the CBSC. Projects submitted to DSA utilizing the currently effective California Building Standards Code (2001 edition) will continue to be accepted until the last business day prior to the official effective date of the 2007 California codes.

Projects utilizing the 2007 California codes, and submitted to DSA *prior* to the official effective date of such codes, will not receive DSA identification stamp signatures or otherwise be provided with written approval prior to the official effective date.

5. Utilization of All Parts of the 2007 California Codes: Projects utilizing the 2007 California codes prior to the official effective date of such codes shall comply with all parts of the relevant 2007 California Building Standards Codes (Title 24, Parts 1 through 12, as listed in Section 2 of this Bulletin).

6. Availability of the 2007 California Codes, Model Codes, and California Amendments: As indicated above, it is expected that the new 2007 California codes will be published by the various model code organizations and made available to the public on or about July 1, 2007.

The 2007 California codes consist of the adopted model codes with California amendments. California amendments to the model codes are generally additions, deletions, or revisions to model code text.

Currently, the model codes are available from the respective model code organizations. The California amendments to the model codes that will form the 2007 California Codes can be seen by clicking the following CBSC internet link:

http://www.bsc.ca.gov/prpsd_chngs/documents/2006/Approved_Standards_for_2007_Building_Standards_Code.doc

7. Contact Information: For questions regarding this bulletin, contact the Regional Manager in the DSA regional office where the project will be assigned.